



# ***FINANCE COMMITTEE***

## ***CITY COUNCIL***

**MONDAY, JULY 2, 2007  
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
5:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

*Committee: M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, Chair; S. Fuhs; J. Waltman*

**I. Tax Exempt Properties – placement of a cap on the number of exempt properties allowed within the City**

**II. CDBG Funds Allocation Plan**

-Develop list of projects

-Possible Projects:

1. Installation of School District water meters
2. Street paving;
3. Park memorial lighting;
4. Streetscape improvements;
5. Curb/sidewalk replacement.

**III. Redevelopment Authority Audit- D. Cituk**

-City Auditor report on Redevelopment Authority Audit (Request for Audit made at April 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting of Council)

**IV. Review: Budget Survey**

-Staff would like to have the survey ready for distribution to the public by the second week of July.

## **V. Housing Permit Ordinance (Committee of the Whole) 6:30p.m.**

### **Upcoming Issues**

Trash and Recycling Costs

Land Value Tax – Two Tier Tax -

Policy for the review and adoption of bonds and other financing initiatives

Storm Sewer Utility

Water Authority

*It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.*



## ***2008 Budget Survey***

### ***Your Decision/Your City***

### ***DRAFT #4***

What City Quadrant do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

The City is committed to improving public services to our residents. Your response to this survey will help Council and the Administration identify services and programs that need to be added, expanded or removed from the 2008 and 2009 Budgets. Help us define the programs and services that will better serve you and your family. *Please return this form to the Council Office - 815 Washington Street, Rdg, 19601 or 610 655 6697 (fax) or [council@readingpa.org](mailto:council@readingpa.org) by September 1, 2007.*

List three things you like most about living in the City of Reading

1.

2.

3.

List three things you like least about living in the City of Reading

1.

2.

3.

To improve your quality of life, list three changes you would like to see in the City over the next 5 years.

1.

2.

3.

### **HELP US PRIORITIZE**

If you had only one tax dollar to spend where would you spend it? (Check 1)

Codes Enforcement \_\_\_\_\_

Police Services \_\_\_\_\_

Road Repair and Paving \_\_\_\_\_

Rehab/Demo of Problem Housing \_\_\_\_\_

Park-Playground Security and Maintenance \_\_\_\_\_

How do you feel about spending taxpayer dollars on the following?

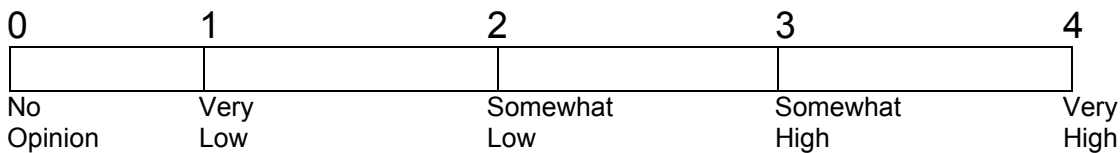
<b><u>Services</u></b>	<b><u>Cut</u></b>	<b><u>Cut a little</u></b>	<b><u>Don't Cut</u></b>	<b><u>NoOpinion</u></b>
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Graffiti Removal	_____	_____	_____	_____
Call Center	_____	_____	_____	_____
City Economic Development	_____	_____	_____	_____
Street & Storm Sewer Cleaning	_____	_____	_____	_____
City Web Site & Online Services	_____	_____	_____	_____
Street Paving & Maintenance	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Programs**

Community Policing	_____	_____	_____	_____
Playground Security	_____	_____	_____	_____
Cleanliness/trash pickup	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rehab/Demo of Problem Housing	_____	_____	_____	_____
Codes Enforcement	_____	_____	_____	_____
Providing support to Community Groups	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Please help us learn how satisfied you are with the following, using the #4 to show high satisfaction, #2 to show low satisfaction, or #0 to show no opinion, etc.**



**Services**

City Marketing	_____
Improving the Downtown	_____
Delivery of Police Services	_____
Water/sewer service	_____
City Employee Customer Service	_____
Enforcement of City Ordinances	_____
Delivery of Public Works Services	_____

**Quality of Life**

Traffic Signal Synchronization	_____
Condition of Sidewalks	_____
Number of Rental Properties	_____
Trash/Litter/Illegal Dumping	_____
Addition of Neighborhood Parklets	_____
Parks and Playground (maintenance & equipment)	_____
Libraries	_____
Recreation Programs	_____

**Below please briefly describe the most serious problem in your neighborhood.**

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